

## Changes in the September 2004 Interim Cancer Center Support Grant Guidelines

This version of the Guidelines is completely re-written and re-formatted so that it will be impossible to delineate all the changes in language. An important change in format is that the instructions for preparing each component of the application appear together with the narrative for that component. In addition, most of the duplicative language has been removed and definitions of terms have been included in some areas.

Some specific changes of note include:

1. The possibility of a sixth year of funding for outstanding centers is provided (p. 5). The decision will be made after two years of funding, and it should not be requested in the competitive renewal application.
2. The benchmark ratio between NCI funding and the CCSG request is changed to .15 (p. 6).
3. The list of funding agencies with acceptable peer-review processes is updated (p. 9).
4. Non-programmatically aligned members are no longer evaluated separately, but are included within Organizational Capabilities (p. 12).
5. A letter signed by an appropriate institutional official documenting specifics of institutional commitment must be included in the Institutional Commitment section (p. 13)
6. Special instructions regarding partnerships, consortium centers, affiliations and collaborations are included (p. 14, 42-43).
7. Staff Investigator support for clinical investigators without peer-reviewed funding is described (pps. 16, 39).
8. Specific narrative is included for some specialized shared resources (pps. 24-27) such as informatics, dissemination and imaging.
9. Templates of tables for reporting information on shared resources and clinical trials are provided (pps. 23, 24, 26, 28).
10. The procedures for the second stage review of comprehensiveness have been changed (p. 31-32, 43).
11. The possibility of review with a limited site visit under specific conditions is provided (pps. 34-35).
12. The instructions for the preparation of summaries are changed (attachment).
13. The review criteria for some components have been modified or expanded (pps. 35-43).